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Club meeting on April 4 2023

President Vera offered the Acknowledgement statement stating that we acknowledge that we are meeting on the lands of the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Ancestors and Elders, past, present and emerging.

She then briefly shared a little bit of history on the identity of and history of indigenous man Gwoja Tjungurrayi, immortalised on our two dollar coin since 1988. He was born in the Tamari desert, north west of Alice Springs around d 1895. He was one of the few survivors of the Coniston Massacre that took place in Central Australia over many months in 1928.

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President Vera encouraged all attending to the next time you hold a 2-dollar coin in your hand take a minute to reflect on Gwoya Tjungurrayi The design of the Australian two-dollar coin was inspired by a drawing of Gwoya by artist Ainslie Roberts in 1988.

President Vera next offered cheers to good health and happiness.

President Vera welcomed all members and meeting guests – Valmai Burn, John Burn, Debra Kingston, Deanhna Culshaw, and Rudi Pavani

Apologies were received from Richard Lawrence, who was going to present an update on his projects but unfortunately, could not attend. Neither Norm Mollica nor Cathy Nicou were able to attend.

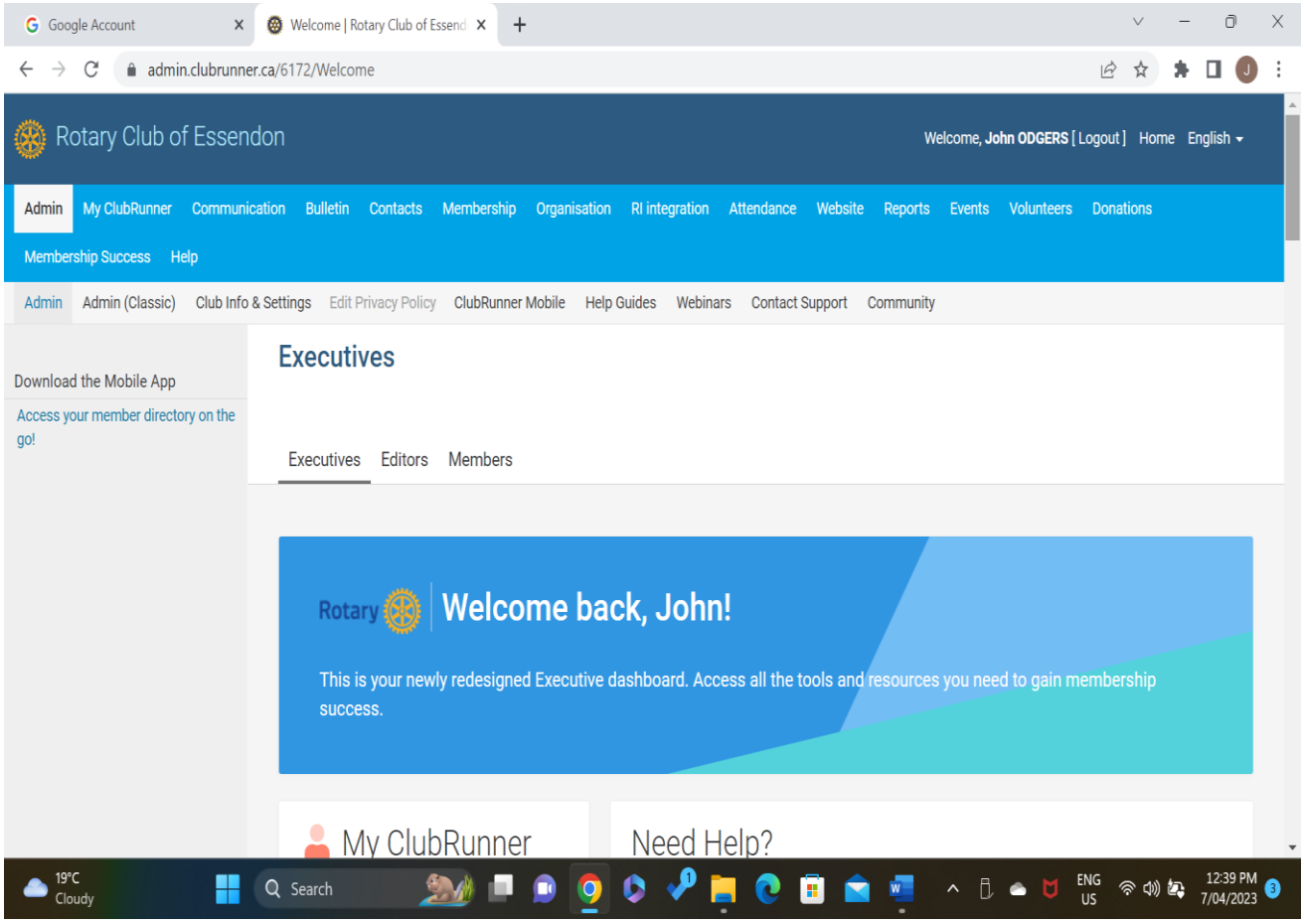
The meeting's guest speaker was Dr. Peter Condos who spoke on and demonstrated the use of Club Runner. By way of introduction, President Vera encouraged everyone to play around with the application as a good way to become comfortable with it and its uses.

Personal experience validates Vera's advice as I have become more familiar in the process of preparing this issue of Contact.

Peter Condos first noted that Club Runner is essentially a Canadian originated data base that is linked to our club's web page. That is when you log into the Members area of our home page, www.rce.org.au, with your user name and password, you gain access to all the facilities and information that Club Runner has access to. The screen print on the next page is what appeared on my lap top screen once I logged in to Rotary Club of Essendon as a member.

As the screen print shows there are sixteen distinct fields from Admin to Help. Each field has sub fields – for instance Admin has eight separate sub fields as shown on the screen print below.

Club Runner opening screen



Club information is a sub field of Admin and contains useful data as shown in the following screen print.

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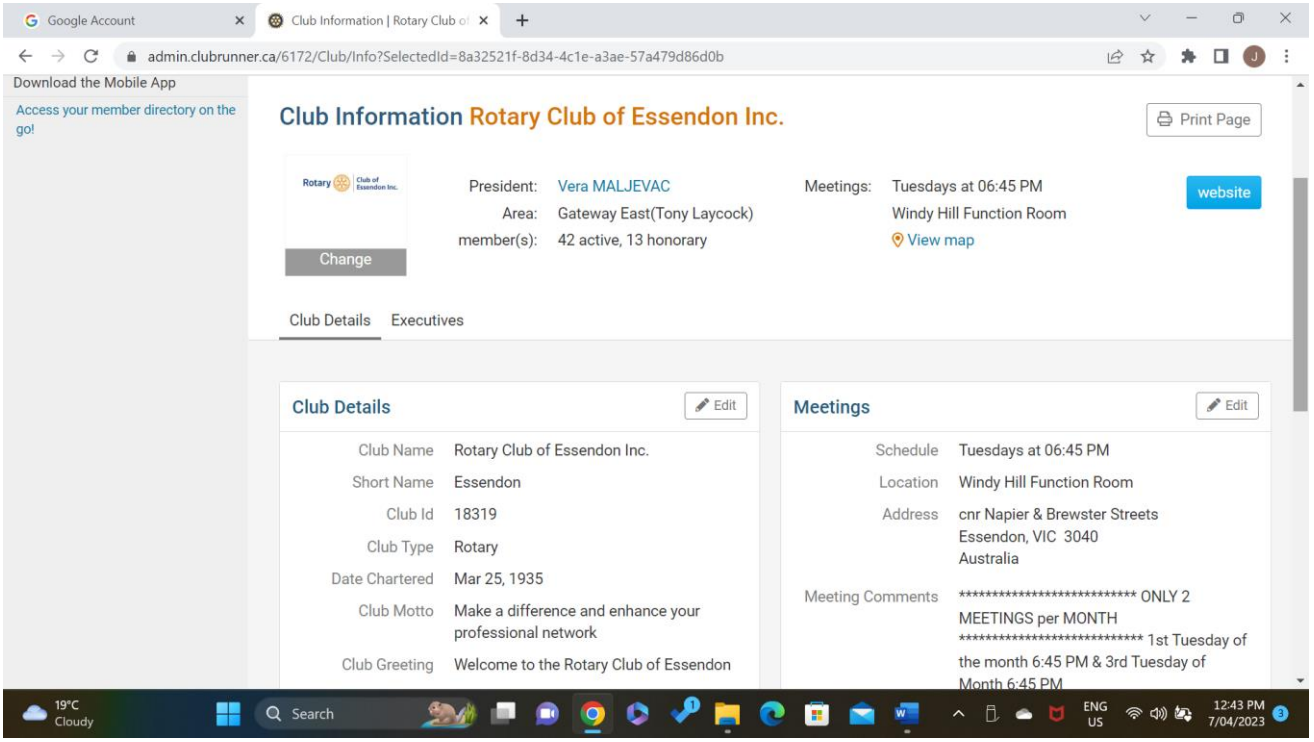

The Communication field has three sub fields: Email Services, Email Traffic Report and Manage Blocked Emails.

To send an mail message through Club Runner is a several step process.

Step 1:

Select the recipients of this message by expanding each category, then clicking the "Expand List" link. Please note: you will not be able to select recipients that have not supplied an email address.

- ☐ Active and Honorary Members (0/55)
- ☐ Other Users (0/3)
- ☐ Inactive Members (0/137)
- ☐ Custom Distribution Lists (0/146)
- ☐ Contact Groups (0/612)
- ☐ Prospects by Status (0/00

Step 2 is to Enter your email subject and message.
Step 3 (optional) Upload attachments to your email.
Step 4 Choose your email options and send.
Step 5: Choose when to send email.

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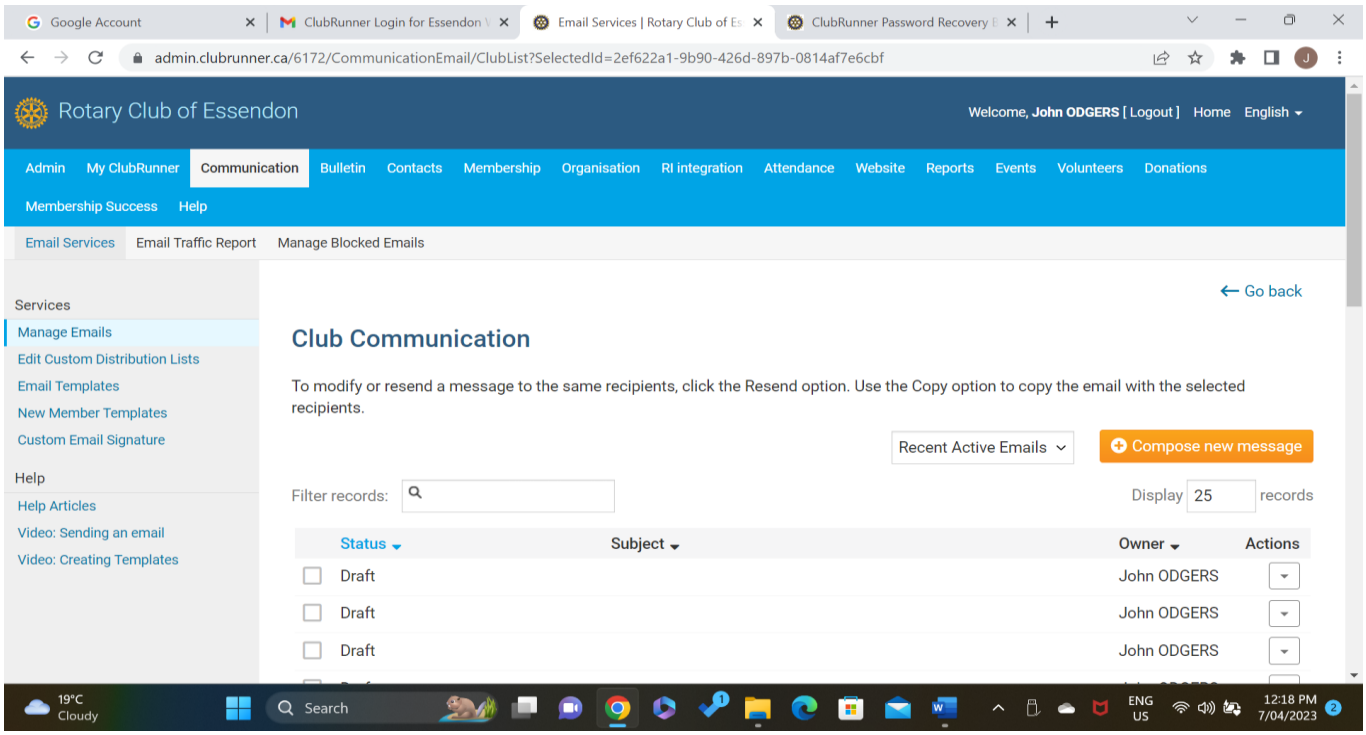
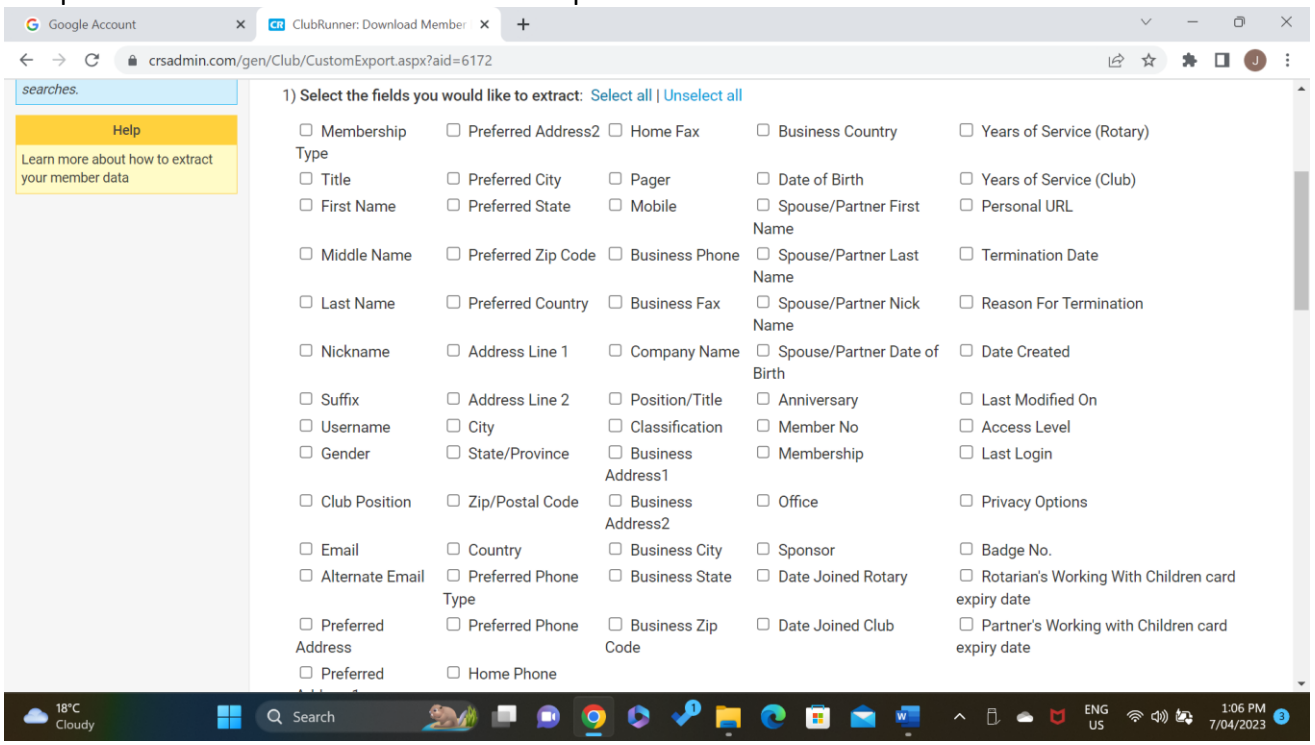


There is a large range of membership data available for down loading and use, as shown in this print screen taken from the membership area.



Members can edit their membership details through the My Club Runner field. There are six areas that can be edited and updated:

- Personal data
- Rotary membership details
- Biography
- Commitments
- Settings
- Privacy settings.
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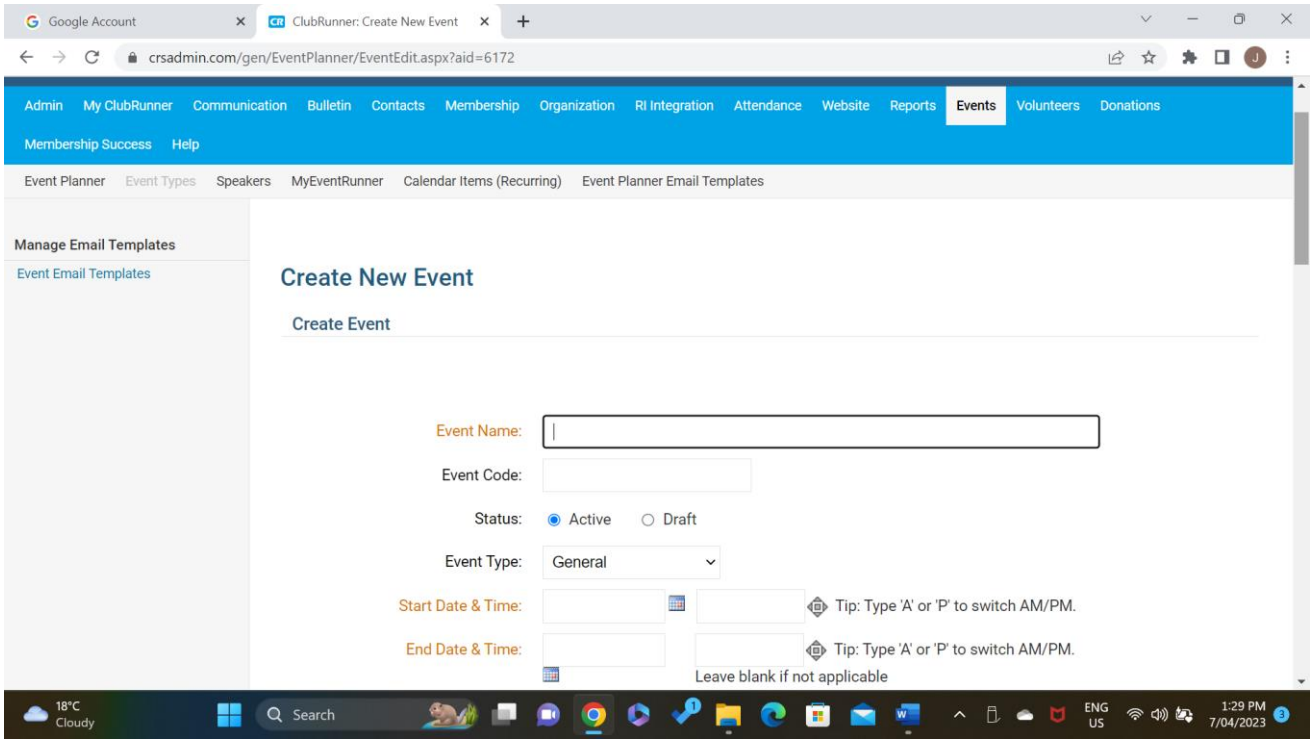
Peter Condos noted that another feature of Club Runner is its ability to create events as shown in this screen shot.



Peter also outlined other features of Club Runner, and spent some time exploring the financial data available through Club Runner.

Finally Peter explored the Organisation field. The first sub field is a list of current Executives and Directors, as displayed in the next screen print. As illustrated six other sub fields are accessible in this Organisation field.

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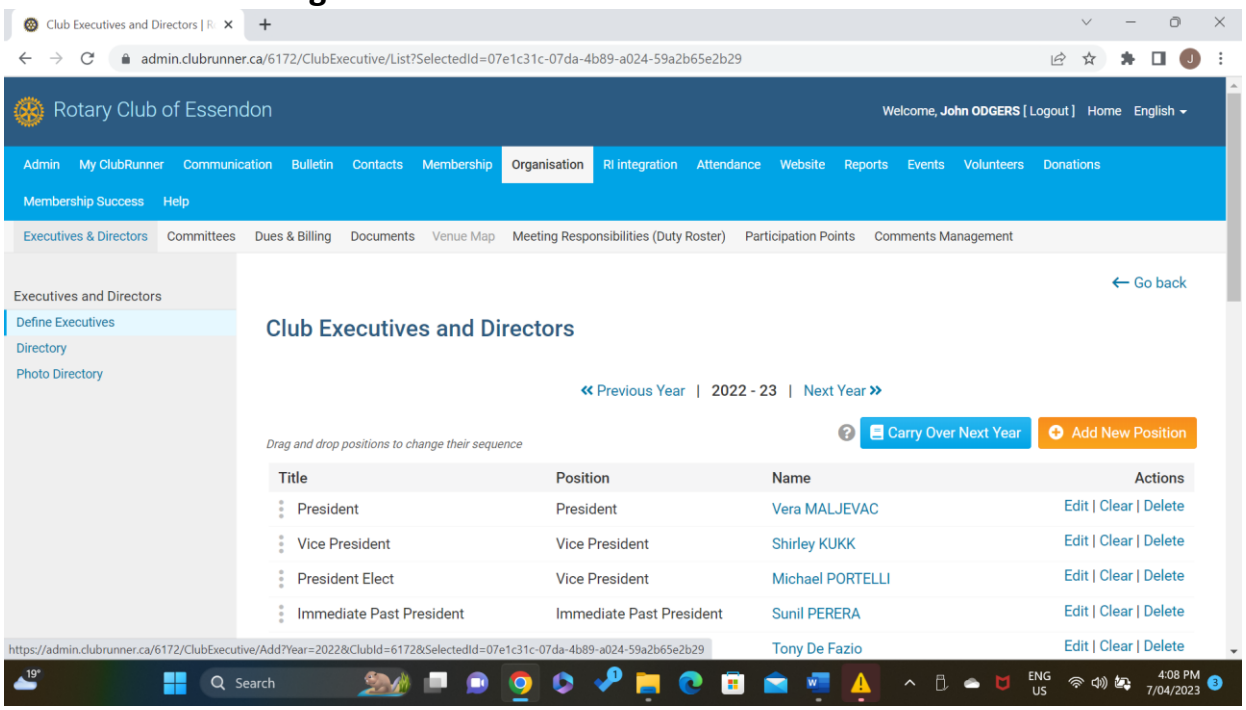
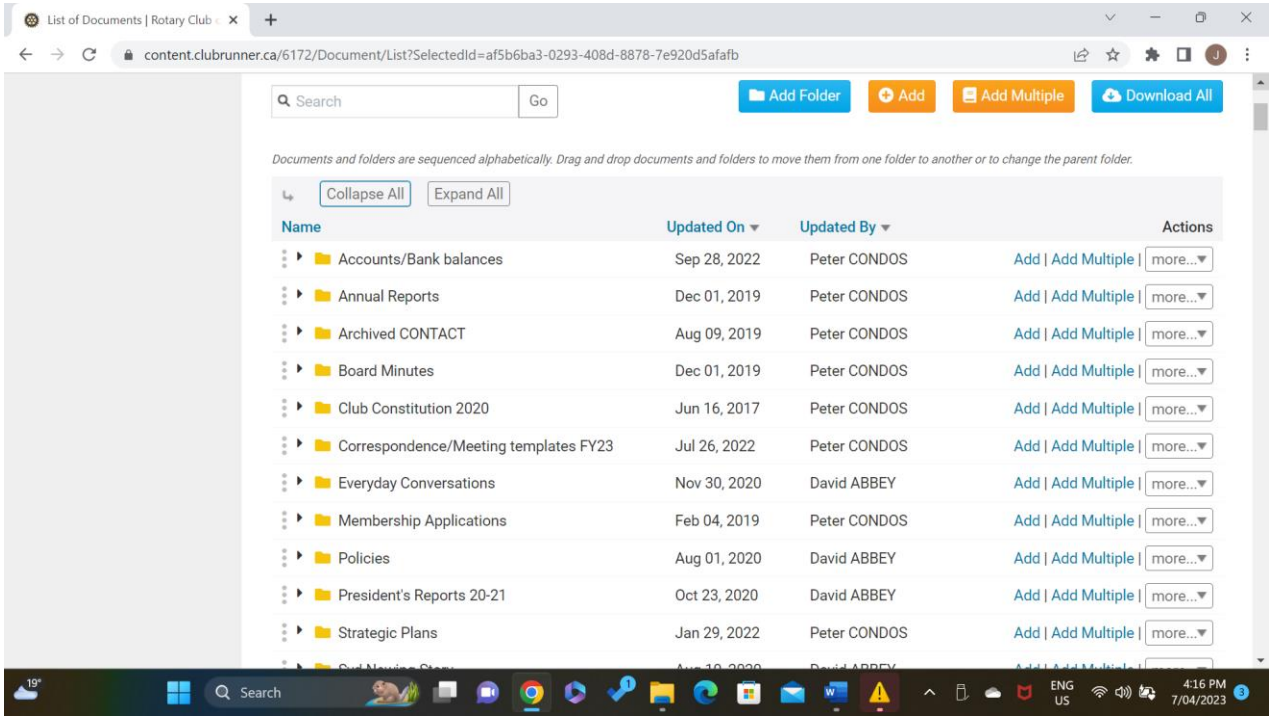
Club Runner: Organisation field



The Documents sub field of the Organisation field contains a wealth of information as noted in the next screen print.



President Vera thanked Peter for his presentation and for answering the questions raised.

Maria Kouppas presented her welfare report. The first member Maria reported on was Fong Loong who is well and sends his best wishes. Fong is retiring from his role in the Coffex business to concentrate on travelling and family. Maria reported that Nola Spicer was given 'lots of love' by her friends at the Moonee Ponds Police Station. Shirley Kukk has recovered from cold and a difficult health period. Norm Mollica is not feeling too well and was hospitalised over night.

On a more positive note, Maria reports that Michael and Gaye Cariss enjoyed their recent road trip, and week end away to celebrate her very recent birthday

President Vera then invited Maria to lead the meeting's 'fun section' Fourteen attendess were each asked to answer a host of questions ranging from 'what would you like to do ; what is one thing on your bucket list?'', 'what is one thing that you would not dare put on your CV?', 'having moved from interstate what teams do you now follow in Melbourne?' , 'what is something we don't know about you?' to 'what does your first name stand?' All the responses were interesting and entertaining.

Michael Portelli advised that a vocational tour of the Qantas training facility has been organised for April 20 starting at 6.30 PM. By the end of the meeting all twelve spots were taken.

President Veronica thanked Maria for her leadership of the fun session.

Maria Kouppas advised that we have ten Royce Abbey awards to be presented in the near term, and these will generate $US10,000 to the fund.

President Veronica closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and thanked Peter Condos for putting together an informative presentation on CR.

The 9th Annual Moonee Valley Art Show (East Keilor and Essendon) from 19-21 May 2023.

President Vera indicated that volunteers are required for the joint club (Kensington/Flemington, East Keilor, Footscray and Essendon event at Clocktower on 29 May with entertainment (an invitation was sent via CR last week). We have one volunteer at this stage – thanks Nola and Regina. We need two more volunteers please.

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President Vera reminded the meeting that the Rotary International Convention is in Melbourne (27-31 May) – first time in 30 years. Members are asked to please consider attending if you have not yet registered.

So as to commemorate a successful **Rotary International Convention Melbourne 2023** with **Rotary International** President Vera encouraged members and guests to **join President Jennifer Jones** and **Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City of Melbourne**, at Rotary Gala Dinner on **Thursday 1 June 2023** at the prestigious **Plaza Ballroom**, Melbourne.

Join over 500 other Rotarians and valued guests in celebrating with dinner and drinks at one of Melbourne's most iconic venues, serenaded by the legendary Jack Jones.
Tickets strictly limited and on sale now.
www.rotarygala.com.au

Finally President Vera put a reminder to collect any spare coins and deliver to Maria Kouppas.

Thought of the day:

If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you." — Steve Jobs

Good night, be happy and stay safe!

Upcoming Events

- **Ross Butterworth @ WERN**
  Windy Hill
  Apr 18, 2023
  6:45 PM – 8:30 PM
- **RCE Charter Night**
  May 04, 2023
  6:30 PM – 11:00 PM
- **Stuart Hayes Business Consultant**
  Windy Hill
  May 16, 2023
  7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

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- **ART SHOW GALA EVENING**
  St Bernard's College
  May 19, 2023 6:30 PM
- **Moonee Valley Art Show**
  St Bernard's College
  May 20, 2023 11:00 AM –
  May 21, 2023 4:00 PM
- **Charter night**
  May 4 Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club
- **International Rotary Convention**
  27-31 May 2023 Melbourne

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